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## THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated January 22, 2008, in a corresponding Japanese patent application.

Japanese Document No. 2005-074655 relates to an inkjet recording method that uses a reaction liquid containing an ink fluocculant, a hydroxyalkylcellulose and water. The surface tension of the reaction liquid is more significant than a mean value of the surface tension of an aqueous pigment ink to be used together with the reaction liquid to improve printing quality.

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Japanese Document No. 2005-074656 relates to an inkjet recording method

that uses a reaction liquid containing a polyvalent metallic salt with a trivalent or higher

polyvalent metallic ion and water. A surface tension of the reaction liquid is made more

significant than a mean value of the surface tension of the aqueous pigment ink to be used

together with the reaction liquid in order to improve printing quality.

**CONCLUSION** 

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that

such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.

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